

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



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For: **Method for Providing Extended Precision in SIMD Vector Arithmetic Operations**

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Request for Grant of Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) from Parent Application in accordance with MPEP § 602.05(a)

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the present application be accorded status under C.F.R. §1.47(a).

Background

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/947,648 (now U.S. Pat. No. 5,864,703). The '648 application was accorded status under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a). MPEP §602.05(a) provides that:

a continuation or divisional application of a prior application accorded status under 37 CFR 1.47 will be accorded status under 37 CFR 1.47 if a copy of the decision according 37 CFR 1.47 status in the prior application is filed in the continuation or divisional application . . .

The '648 application (i.e., the parent to the present application) was accorded rule 1.47 status. However, after a review of both the undersigned attorney's file and the official file at the USPTO, Applicants have been unable to find a copy of the Decision granting rule 1.47

status. As a result, the Applicants are unable to file a copy of the Decision in the present application in order to be accorded rule 1.47 status.

Copies of the Declaration from the parent application were filed in the present continuation application on December 30, 1998, March 12, 1999, and again on May 3, 1999. The signature block for Mr. Timothy van Hook was signed by James P. Hao, Esq., with the notation "James P. Hao signing for Timothy J. van Hook under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b)." However, copies of the Petition and Statement under rule 1.47 (that were originally filed in the parent application along with the Declaration) were not filed in the present continuation application. As a result of the foregoing, it appears that the USPTO has not yet accorded the present application with rule 1.47 status.

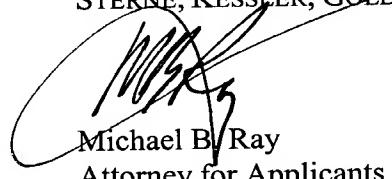
Request for Rule 1.47 Status

In support of the Rule 1.47 petition in the parent ('648) application, the following documents were filed in the parent application on May 12, 1998: (1) Response to Notice to File Missing Parts; (2) Statement of Facts in Support of Filing on Behalf of Nonsigning Inventor Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b); (3) Petition Form for Signature by Person with Sufficient Proprietary Interest on Behalf of Omitted Inventor(s) Who Refuse(s) to Sign or Cannot Be Reached (37 C.F.R. 1.47(b)); (4) Declaration and Power of Attorney for a Patent Application (*in five parts*); (5) Payment of the surcharge for late submission of the Declaration and a one-month extension of time in the form of a check for \$240.00; and (6) one return postcard. Copies of these documents are attached hereto. It is hereby respectfully requested that the Office consider these documents and accord the present, continuation application status under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a).

It is believed that no extensions of time are necessary, other than those that are otherwise provided for herewith. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the above-captioned application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Respectfully submitted,

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